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DATE: February 24, 2012

TO: Iowa Medicaid Hospitals, Physicians, Dentists, Rural Health Clinics, Clinics, Maternal Health Centers, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Certified Nurse Midwives, Birthing Centers, Federally Qualified Health Centers and Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Payment Program and Meaningful Use Attestation Updates

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

Iowa has been a national leader in the EHR incentive payment program. As of February 20, 2012, Iowa Medicaid has paid out **\$33,743,755** to qualifying eligible professionals and hospitals. The IME is looking forward to continuing this momentum into 2012 by assisting providers in applying for their Year Two payment, as well as continuing to work with providers in qualifying for Year One payments. As we move toward April 1, 2012, (the first day providers can attest to meaningful use) please note the following important information:

- The EHR attestation **process is being moved from** the Iowa Medicaid Portal Access (IMPA) system to a new Provider Incentive Payment Program (PIPP) system, effective April 1, 2012. To ease in the transition to PIPP, the EHR attestation portion of IMPA will no longer be available to providers effective **March 22, 2012**, at 6:00 P.M.
- Once PIPP is launched at 8:00 A.M. on April 1, 2012, providers wanting to attest to an Iowa Medicaid EHR incentive payment must access PIPP and create a new user name and login. The username and login created in IMPA **will not be converted** to PIPP.
- The IME will do a presentation of the PIPP system in a one-hour webinar which will be offered several times to accommodate schedules. Available times are:

1. March 22, 2012, 12:00 P.M.
2. March 23, 2012, 8:00 A.M.
3. March 27, 2012, 12:00 P.M.
4. March 29, 2012, 8:00 A.M.

What is Covered:

- Basic eligibility rules as they relate to Year One and Year Two applicants
- Demonstration of the new PIPP system
- Registration and attestation instructions
- Questions and answers

Invitation to the Webinar:

Please send your request for an invitation to imeincentives@dhs.state.ia.us.

To attend a webinar please follow the instructions in the email invitation which will be sent by the IME.

If you are unable to attend the live webinar, the slides will be available on the IME website at <http://www.ime.state.ia.us/Providers/EHRIncentives.html>.

If you have any questions about the webinar or the EHR Incentive Payment Program please contact Kelly Peiper, Medicaid HIT Coordinator, at 515-974-3071 or by email at imeincentives@dhs.state.ia.us.